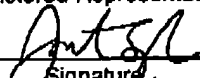


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In re Application of:

Kelly D. Branham et al.

Serial No. 09/815,243

Filing Date: March 22, 2001

For WATER-DISPERSIBLE, CATIONIC  
POLYMERS, A METHOD OF MAKING  
SAME AND ITEMS USING SAME

Examiner Norca L. Torres-Velazquez

Group Art Unit 1771

### AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.